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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director (Plans)
Deputy Director (Support)

SUBJECT: Approval of Clandestine Services Projects

1. As the Director of Central Intelligence, I am responsible for the expenditure of all funds allocated to the Agency, including the unvouchered funds authorized for the activities of the Clandestine Services. In the disbursement of unvouchered funds the maximum control and supervision must be exercised since my responsibilities in this regard are total and unique. To insure the most thorough review of individual clandestine activities known as projects and the unvouchered funds expended thereon, a comprehensive system of approvals has been established. This system prescribes that: all projects will conform with and support approved policy; all projects will be clearly within the basic authority inherent in the operational program and the operating budget of the sponsoring component, as reviewed by the Project Review Committee and approved by me. Regardless of the authority necessarily delegated by me to others to approve projects, it is essential that my responsibility be kept constantly in mind and that I be informed of all activities and expenditures through the regular and orderly system prescribed. Officials of the Agency who are authorized to approve projects will bear in mind that in so doing they act in my behalf. They are obliged to bring to my attention all questions and problems not covered by instructions. All matters involving significant new policy or any questions which reasonably indicate the desirability of a decision by higher authority will be referred upward for final action regardless of the amount of money involved or the authorization to approve. Proprietary, subsidy and other projects within the scope of [REDACTED] entitled "Administrative Plans" will be handled in accordance with established procedures.

2. Consistent with the above, and subject to paragraph 3 below, authority is hereby granted to approve operational projects as follows:

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(1) Projects involving a total authorization in excess of \$100,000 in a twelve month period will be forwarded by the Deputy Director (Plans) to the Director of Central Intelligence with DD/P recommendations for action.

(2) The Deputy Director (Plans) may approve, renew, amend, extend, and terminate a project involving a total authorization not to exceed \$100,000 in a twelve month period.

(3) The Deputy Director (Plans) may delegate in writing authority to the Chiefs of Operating Divisions to approve new projects and to renew, amend, extend, and terminate projects, provided the action taken will not cause the total annual project authorization to exceed \$15,000.

b. CA Projects:

(1) New projects which involve an authorization in excess of \$35,000 and amendments of projects which raise the total annual project authorization above \$35,000, will be forwarded by the DD/P to the DCI (through the FRC when appropriate) with DD/P recommendations for action.

(2) The Deputy Director (Plans) may approve new projects provided the total authorization for the project in any one fiscal year does not exceed \$35,000. In the case of a project which has already been approved by the DCI, DD/P may approve amendments which raise the total authorization by no more than \$35,000 in any fiscal year above the amount already approved by the DCI.

(3) The Deputy Director (Plans) may approve the renewal, extension and termination of an existing project provided the total authorization in a fiscal year does not exceed that approved in the applicable Operational Program.

(4) The Deputy Director (Plans) may delegate in writing to the Chiefs of Operating Divisions authority to approve new projects and to renew, amend, extend or terminate projects, provided the action taken will not cause the total annual project authorization to exceed \$15,000.

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c. Delegation of DD/P Authorities:

The Deputy Director (Plans) may delegate to the Chief of Operations and to the Assistant DD/P for Covert Action such authorizations as are granted to the DD/P in this memorandum.

3. The initiation, renewal, extension, or termination of any political action project will require approval by (or in certain circumstances: consultation with) the Special Group on Executive Order 5412, if such action raises important policy issues. All such actions to be submitted to the Special Group must receive prior formal or informal approval by the DCI, who will normally make the presentation.

4. The provisions of [REDACTED] and other directives are hereby amended to the extent that they are inconsistent with the above.

ALLEN W. DULLES
Director

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